NEW BOOKS.

- "Strife" is the title of a romance by Mrs. E. D. Wallace, the auther of the play of Little Dorrit, of a series of interesting and graphic European letters which appeared in the columns of a contemporary, and of other essays and sketches which have obtained favor with the public, but which gave but slight indications of the peculiar talent that has been brought to bear in the production of this her first sustained work of fiction. "Strife" is a most peculiar and most puzzling story, that will be certain to attract much attention, to excite discussion, and to meet with emphatic condemnation at the hands of many who will either be unable to place themselves en rapport with the author or too indolent to bend their minds to unravelling the subtle metaphysical thread of the simple yet complex plot. The book is full of faults, which are so palpable that the most superficial reader cannot but be impressed with them, while the beauties are frequently beneath the surface, and require to be searched for with some degree of diligence, but whatever may be said of it pro or con in other respects, no one can deny that it has the rare merit of originality. A truly original work of fiction is a rarity in these novelproducing days, when the press annually turns | fraternity. out its thousands of volumes, in which the joys and woes of humanity are treated in every conceivable style. Indeed, the very superfluity of positively good fiction is an embarrassment to a writer, and it is next to impossible to avoid travelling over ground that has been thoroughly explored before. Mrs. Wallace, however, has succeeded in striking out on a path of her own, and such resemblance to previous performances that occasionally strike the reader in turning over the pages of "Strife" are too faint to invalidate in any way its claim to originality. We warn at the outset those who may be disposed to take up this remance, that it will not repay a merely superficial perusal, and that the common run of novel-readers, who esteem the story-teller's art only for the facilities it affords them for dissipating ennui and killing time agreeably, will derive but a small amount of satisfaction from it. It must be read earefully or not at all, and it will frequently be necessary to turn back in order to pick up a dropped thread, to read a sentence more than once in order to discover its meaning and its connection with the context, and to allow the imaginative faculties full play in order to be placed in sympathy with the finer ele-

ments of the story.

It is not possible within the limits of a newspaper article to give such a description of "Strife" as would be satisfactory, and the best we can do is to commend its perusal to our readers, with the assurance that while may of them will be pleased, many will probably find themselves no nearer to a solution of its mysteries at the end of the last chapter than they will be at the end of the first. The story is autobiographical, and upon the heroine "Minnette" the author has lavished all her skill. "Minnette" is a dreamer of dreams, and she allows the events of her life and her course of conduct at the most critical moments to be influenced not merely by her visions, but by the impressions of a peculiarly delicate and sensitive nervous organization. The character is a puzzle in the book just as it would be in real life, and that many persons will find it incomprehensible is no proof of its want of fidelity to nature. On the contrary, we conceive "Minnette" to be a peculiarly fine and subtle psychological analysis, and many of the strange features of the story scarcely appear strange because they are so much in harmony with the character the relator. The plot of "Strife" is not intricate, but it is somewhat difficult to follow. The attentive reader, however, will not fail to notice that it is conducted with much skill and that the peculiar denouement is quite an artistic masterpiece. The scene of the story is laid in Germany and Italy, and Mrs. Wallace's travels in those countries has enabled her to bring facts as well as actual impressions to the aid of her imagination in the descriptive passages. In the twenty-first and several subsequent chapters there is an account of a night flight from Sorrento, in which the leading personages escape in disguise from the officers of the Papal Government, that is exceedingly graphic, and the account of the wedding of the heroine in the twenty-seventh, and of a mutiny of Garibaldians in the Abruzzi which succeeds in the thirty-first, are evidences of the descriptive abilities of the author. The great fault of the story is a want of definiteness in its outlines. This comes in some degree from the peculiar character of the heroine and from the fact that the narrative is autobiographic. There is no doubt, however, that "Strife" would be more likely to find favor with the mass of readers if its purpose were more clearly set forth. As a very original and very meritorious work, however, we give it a cordial welcome, and hope that its success will be such as to encourage the writer to supplement it by other attempts in the same line. Published by Claxton, Remsen & Haffel-

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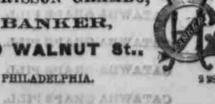
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Sealed proposals to furnish Timber and other materials for the Navy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1872, will be received at this Bureau until 12 o'clock M. of the 30th of June instant, at which time the bids will be

The proposals must be addressed to the Chief of the Bureau of Construction and Repair, Navy Department, Washington, and must be endorsed "Proposals for Timber, etc., for the Navy," that they may be distinguished from ordinary business letters. To prevent confusion, and facilitate the open-ing of the bids, parties bidding for supplies at several yards will enclose their bids in separate

envelopes, each indorsed with the name of the yard for which the bid is made. Printed schedules for such classes as parties deal in and intend to bid for together with instructions to bidders, giving the forms of pro-posal, of guarantee, and of certificate of guaran-tors, with printed forms of offer, will be furnished to such persons as desire to bid, on ap-

plication to the Commandants of the respective Navy Yards, and those of all the yards on application to the Bureau.

The Commandant of each Navy Yard, and the purchasing Paymaster for each station, will have a copy of the schedules of the other yards, for examination only, in order that persons who intend to bid may judge whether it is desirable to make application for any of the classes of

The proposals must be for the whole of a class, but the Department reserves the right to reduce the whole class, should the interest of the Government require it, before the execution of the contract. All applications for information, or for the examination of samples, must be made to the Commandants of the respective

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The contract will be awarded to the person who makes the lowest bid and gives the guarantee required by law, the Navy Department, however, reserving the right to reject the lowest bid, or any which it may deem exorbitant. Sureties in the full amount will be required to sign the contract, and their responsibility must

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cars thereon; and no claim for remuneration shall be paid the contractor by the company using said track, as specified in the Act of Assembly approved May 8, 1866.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certificate that a bond has been filed in the Law Department, as directed by ordinance of May 25, 1860.

If the lowest bidder shall not execute a contract within five days after the work is awarded, he will be deemed as declining, and will be held liable on his bond for the difference between his bid and the next lowest bidder. Specifications may be had at the Department of Surveys, which will be strictly adhered to. The Department of Highways reserves the right to reject all bids not deemed All bidders may be present at the time and

place of opening the said proposals. No allowance will be made for rock excavation, except by special contract.
MAHLON H. DICKINSON,

Chief Com'r of Highways. CITY ORDINANCES.

OMMON COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA CLERK'S OFFICE,
PHILADELPHIA, June 2, 1871.
In accordance with a resolution adopted by
the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia on Thursday, the first day of June, 1871, the annexed bill, entitled "An ordinance to authorize a loan for the construction of culverts and for police purposes," is hereby published for public information.

JOHN ECKSTEIN, Clerk of Common Council

TO AUTHORIZE A LOAN FOR THE CON-STRUCTION OF CULVERTS AND FOR POLICE PURPOSES.

Section 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain. That the Mayor of Philadelphia be and he is hereby authorized to borrow at not less than par, on the credit of the city, from time to time, four hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, to be applied as follows, viz:—
First. For the construction of culverts, one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. Second. For the purchase of ground and the erection and extension of buildings for Pollog Station has for Pollog Station has a few pollogs. ings for Police Station-houses, three hundred thousand dollars. For which interest, not to exceed the rate of six per cent. per annum, shall be paid half yearly, on the first days of January and July, at the office of the City Treasurer. The principal of said loan shall be payable and paid at the expiration of thirty years from the date of the same, and not before payable and pald at the expiration of thirty years from the date of the same, and not before, without the consent of the holders thereof; and the certificates therefor, in the usual form of the certificates of Gity Loan, shall be issued in such amounts as the lenders may require, but not for any fractional part of one hundred dollars; or, if required, in amounts of five hundred or one thousand dollars; and it shall be expressed in said certificates that the loan therein pressed in said certificates that the loan therein mention, and the interest thereof, are payable

free from all taxes. Section 2. Whenever any loan shall be made by virtue thereof, there shall be, by force of this ordinance, annually appropriated out of the income of the corporate estates and from the sum raised by taxation, a sum sufficient to pay the interest on said certifiates; and the further sum of three-tenths of one per centum on the par value of such certificates so issued shall be appropriated quarterly ont of said income and taxes to a sinking fund, which fund and its accumulations are hereby especially pledged for the redemption and payment of said certificates.

RESOLUTION TO PUBLISH A LOAN BILL Resolved, That the Clerk of Common Council be authorized to publish in two daily newspapers of this city, daily for four weeks, the ordinance presented to Common Council on Thursday, June 1, 1871, entitled "An ordinance to authorize a loan for the construction of culverts and for police purposes:" and that the said Clerk, at the stated meeting of Councils after the expiration of four weeks from the first day of said publication, shall present to this Council one of each of said newspapers for every day in which the same shall have been made. 62 24t

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